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FITZSIMMONS, the prize fighter, became a citizen of the United States last week and won the fight with Hall easily. Americans are great fighters and a few hours citizenship improved Fitzsimmons wonderfully.

ROBERT A. MAXWELL, of New York, has been appointed fourth assistant postmaster general. This is the man who will have charge of the ax which will cut off the heads of about 40,000 republican postmasters this year.

GOVERNOR GRAY, of Indiana, has been nominated for minister to Mexico by President Cleveland. This action ought to set at rest the reports that the relations between Cleveland and Gray have been strained since the Chicago convention.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has taken steps to increase the free gold in the treasury and is not issuing bonds to do it, either. He is going to keep the gold reserve intact but is not going to increase the indebtedness of the country if it can be avoided.

It seems to be pretty definitely settled that there will be no extra session of congress this spring but an extra session will probably be called about the first of October to revise the tariff in accordance with democratic ideas.

SENATOR MARTIN, of Kansas, was sworn in without any opposition but the case will be reviewed by the committee on privileges and elections. As the democrats are in the majority in the senate it is more than probable that he will retain his seat.

The convention to nominate candidates for the next city election will be held next Saturday evening. There should be a large attendance and the nominations should be made with a view to getting the best men for the positions to be filled.

The republican secretary of the treasury left it with a little over a million dollars in free gold in its vaults or about one-twentieth as much as the democratic secretary left in March 1889. This shows how much there is in republican economy.

The procession of republican office holders has commenced to move and it will keep moving until all the republicans in the appointive federal offices have marched out of office. Cleveland's first appointment for this Territory was that of F. P. Gayle to be receiver of public money at Roswell.

REPUBLICAN officeholders will save the President the trouble of removing them if they promptly forward their resignations to Washington to take effect at once. The republican collector of the port of New York did this and his example might be followed by the republican office holders generally.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's entire cabinet was confirmed without a dissenting vote in the senate. This shows that the people who were talking about a contest in the senate over the confirmation of the members of the cabinet were not well posted.

SOME of the eastern newspapers have been poking fun at Hoke Smith on account of his name. One paper went so far as to call him Hoax Myth, but if all reports as to his loyalty to the democratic party are true the republican office holders will not find him a hoax or a myth.

The idea that senators ought to be elected by the popular vote is gaining strength rapidly since the wrangles in the state legislatures of several of the states which ought to have elected United States senators. There is little profit in a session which is entirely consumed in a futile attempt to elect a senator.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET.  
President Cleveland's cabinet has been confirmed as follows:  
Secretary of State—Walter Q. Gresham, of Illinois.  
Secretary of the Treasury—John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.  
Postmaster General—Wilson S. Bissell, of New York.  
Secretary of War—Daniel S. Lamont, of New York.  
Secretary of the Navy—Hilary A. Herbert, of Alabama.  
Attorney General—Richard Olney, of Massachusetts.  
Secretary of the Interior—Hoke Smith, of Georgia.  
Secretary of Agriculture—J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska.

By this time next year there will be in operation in this country a new tariff schedule which will be in accord with the ideas of the democratic tariff reformers. It is safe to say that the new tariff will not be 60 per cent. on woolen goods and 10 per cent. on diamonds. There will be a high tariff on luxuries and a low tariff on necessities. There is no reason why a millionaire should get diamonds admitted at a lower rate than a workman has to pay on a woolen shirt. A prominent republican attorney of this city said recently that there was something wrong about the public policy of this country which allowed a few men to get nearly all the wealth and he is not alone in this matter. The people of this country have become tired of protection which has been for years simply a device for allowing the manufacturers to get rich and which, at the same time, compels the consumer to pay a high price for all that he buys. Residents of this country have to pay higher prices for articles manufactured in the United States than the residents of any other country have to pay. A Mexican merchant can purchase an American made steel plow in the City of Mexico cheaper than an American merchant can buy the same plow in Chicago or St. Louis, notwithstanding the fact that the plow has been freighted thousands of miles to the City of Mexico. The leading makes of American sewing machines are sold cheaper in Canada than they can be purchased at the general offices of the companies at New York or Buffalo, and American made watches are sold in Europe cheaper than any wholesale dealer in this country can buy them. The same is true with reference to thousands of other articles manufactured in this country. Manufacturers charge high prices simply because they are protected here from competition with other manufacturers. They say that their business would be ruined were it not for the protective tariff and yet, at the same time, they are selling their products in the markets of the world and in competition with manufacturers of all nations. The more protection they have the more they want.

Now that the democrats have entire control of the legislative and executive departments of this government, there ought to be something done to cut down the enormous pension payments. The republicans were afraid to do this simply because they knew that a reduction of pensions or any adverse pension legislation would lose them the G. A. R. vote and without that vote they could not have carried a single election since 1872. The democrats are under no obligations to the G. A. R. and are looking for no G. A. R. votes. The pension steal has grown to such enormous proportions that it requires more than a third as much to pay pensions as it does to pay all the other expenses of the government, and all this on account of a war which closed nearly 25 years ago. The pension rolls have been constantly increasing and the dependent widows and orphans are numbered by the tens of thousands and are becoming more and more clamorous. At the rate pensions have been allowed during the past four years it would not take long to have all the relatives of the soldiers in the late war on the pension rolls. A halt will be called during this administration and before the end of Cleveland's term the pension appropriation will be growing less.

THE County hotel at the court house is the most profitable hotel in the County. There are none but regular boarders and none of them are on the free list.

THE report of the capitol committee of the late legislature is a very severe one and shows conclusively that it was the fault of the capitol commission that the building was not insured. At the time of the investigation soon after the fire the members of the capitol commission urged as a reason that the building was not insured that there were no funds with which to insure it. The committee brought out the fact that an offer was made to the commission to insure the building at low rates and wait until the next legislature should make the necessary appropriation. The capitol commission seems to have been governed by the Governor who thought there was no necessity for insuring the capitol. He argued that similar buildings in the east were not insured and that a watchman ought to be a sufficient protection. Had the watchman performed his duties properly it is certain that the capitol would not have been burned. The investigations of the committee brought out the facts that both the day and night watchmen were notoriously incompetent and that they were frequently away from the building. For more than a week before the fire it was known that the water supply was not sufficient but no steps were taken to protect the building. With the facts as ascertained by the committee before the people of New Mexico it is hardly probable that the citizens of Santa Fe will ever have the pleasure of seeing the capitol restored in that city. It will be built in some other town where ordinary precautions will be taken to prevent its destruction by fire.

THE Enterprise asks where all the County finances are with which to pay current expenses. Well, during the last two months in which the Enterprise has been so industriously abusing the present commissioners because they have been trying to prevent the County getting into financial straits, the Enterprise has received \$498.51 for stationery; there has been paid for the keeping of County prisoners, \$786.25, for January, and \$726.50, for February; making a total of \$1,512.75 for that item. That accounts for quite a little of the current expenses. The bill miscalled "An Act for the relief of taxpayers," passed by the late legislature, extending the time for payment of taxes to July 1st, is likely also to prove a pretty serious matter to this County for the next few months by preventing the collection of money enough to keep the County expenses paid during that time; the Enterprise, if it is desirous of benefitting the County, should therefore do all in its power to help the present commissioners collect moneys still due the County from the late defaulting treasurer and others instead of sneering and casting slurs at them because they try to get the money that is due the County and is absolutely needed to pay current expenses.

THE Atlanta Constitution is authority for the statement that 90 per cent. of the democratic party desire the free coinage of silver. This is perhaps a pretty high estimate, but it is certain that a great majority of the members of the party are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Thousands of these are so firm in their convictions that if a free coinage bill does not become a law before the close of the present administration they will vote for the third party candidate if the regular democratic candidate is not pledged unequivocally for silver. The strength of the silver movement was felt in some of the states in the last election and the friends of silver are increasing all the time. President Cleveland has already seen the folly of calling an extra session of congress this spring to consider the silver question and by the time congress meets next fall he will see that free coinage is inevitable and will make no objection to the passage of such a law.

GRESHAM is starting out well. He has appointed a prominent democratic worker for first assistant secretary of state and it is dollars to doughnuts that no mugwumps will get into his department. Gresham saw that his party had outlived its usefulness and had the courage to get on the right side of the political fence and now he is going to stay there.

THE Enterprise makes an attempt to defend the late sheriff and treasurer because they are now illegally holding large sums of Grant County money. Ex-Sheriff Lockhart still holds \$22,000 (instead of \$19,000, as stated by the Enterprise) which he collected from the taxpayers; and ex-Treasurer Berg holds about \$12,000 of County money in addition to a large amount of public school money. Nobody had specially attacked these ex-officials yet, but as the Enterprise has felt that it was necessary to defend them before they were attacked it has, in so doing, called public attention to the matter, and we earnestly recommend the County Commissioners to promptly force the payment of this money, or, if this can not be done, send to the penitentiary the men who have robbed the County.

WE are glad to learn that there is a united attempt on the part of the new board to require prompt payments of public money due from defaulting officials, and that it appears to be their intention to force the bondsmen of these officials to pay up if the defaulters will not do so. We congratulate the members of the board on their course, and would warn them that they must expect to be cajoled or threatened into abandoning their present course by those interested in supporting the defaulters. They may however rely on the sympathy, encouragement and praise of the long-suffering taxpayers, who by this time are heartily sick of being continually plundered, and are now getting determined that the old regime of robbery shall cease and the robbers be punished.

EX-SHERIFF LOCKHART is still holding on to the few thousands of dollars which he collected during his term as sheriff and did not turn over to the treasurer for the reason as he explained that the levy might not be legal. Nobody seems to be getting any particular benefit out of this money but Mr. Lockhart, and as he will very likely not turn it over to anybody until required to do so by the supreme court of the Territory he will have the fingering of it for a number of moons.

SENATOR SHERMAN wants to change the time for the expiration of the terms of office of the President, vice-President, senators and representatives from the 4th of March to the 30th of April, the law to take effect so as to provide for the next inauguration to take place on the 30th of April 1897. This would make Cleveland's term of office the longest of any of the Presidents and would lengthen the second session of each congress by a little over eight weeks.

SENATOR HILL is sound on the silver question. He is in favor of the repeal of the Sherman act and the passage of a free coinage bill without any assistance from Europe. As long as the United States depend on Europe for a settlement of the silver question our silver dollars will be current nowhere but in the United States. Free coinage will put a stop to the traffic in silver and make a silver dollar the equal of the gold dollar in any of the markets of the world.

THE treaty for the annexation of the Sandwich Islands which was before the senate has been withdrawn. It is reported that President Cleveland will appoint a commission to go to the islands and investigate matters before making any recommendation to congress in the matter. The appointment of a commission will delay annexation for some time and may possibly result in no action being taken.

PURCHASES of silver under the Sherman act will continue for several months yet at least. No silver legislation can be hoped for until about the beginning of next year. By that time the friends of silver will be in a position to pass a free coinage act and the silver bugbear will be a thing of the past.

BY the time the next legislature meets it is more than probable that none of the members will dare to vote for the repeal of the law regulating fees and salaries which was passed by the late legislature to go into effect in two years. Taxpayers are very tired of the fee system now and the situation is getting no better very fast.

It is not likely that taxpayers will be in any hurry to pay taxes before the first of July this year as no penalty attaches until after that date. Hereafter taxes will be payable on the installment plan; one-half will be due and payable before the first of January of each year and the other half will be payable at any time before the first of July of the following year, or more than a year after assessment. It is hoped that by making the taxes payable at different times they will be made more promptly.

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